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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 99-60

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

In compliance with the Department's March 31, 2005 order in D.T.E. 03-88A-F, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively "Company") are filing revised Default Service rates for the service period commencing May 1, 2005. These rates reflect the transfer of certain Default Service related costs previously recovered in base Distribution rates to Default Service rates.

Attachment 1 contains the Company's summary of the proposed Default Service rates for the six-month period for the residential and commercial customer groups, and the three-month period for the industrial customer group, revised to include the rate adjustments approved by the Department for the Company in D.T.E. 03-88E. Attachment 1 to this filing takes the Default Service rates previously approved by the Department on March 31, 2005 as proposed by the Company on March 24, 2005 and increases them by the appropriate Default Service cost adder from D.T.E. 03-88E of 0.070¢ per kWh for the residential customer group, 0.030¢ per kWh for the commercial customer group, and 0.019¢ per kWh for the industrial customer group. Attachment 2 includes the revised tariff supplement to the Company's Tariff for Default Service¹, containing the proposed fixed and variable Default Service rates for the periods May 2005 through October 2005 for the residential and commercial customer groups and May 2005 through July 2005 for the industrial customer group.

In addition, the Company respectfully requests a waiver of the Department's requirement, set forth in D.T.E. 99-60-C, that the Company provide electronic notice of Default Service prices thirty days prior to their effective date.

The Company is required to file the results of its Default Service solicitations with the Department. D.T.E. 99-60-B at 22. The Department has five business days to review these results, and if the Department takes no action, the proposed retail rates are allowed to go into effect. D.T.E. 99-60-C at 8-9. The Company must then post the retail rates on its website thirty days prior to their effective date. D.T.E. 99-60-C at 7.

¹ Both Companies' Tariff for Default Service is M.D.T.E. No. 1041.

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

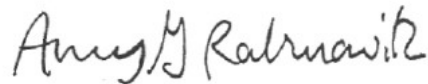
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The Company's next Default Service period begins on May 1, 2005. Accordingly, on March 24, 2005, the Company filed the results of its most recent solicitation for Default Service and proposed retail rates for the Default Service pricing options resulting from the solicitation for the service period beginning May 1, 2005. The Department approved the Company's filing on March 31, 2005. In order to comply with the thirty day electronic notice requirement, the Company posted the upcoming Default Service prices on its website upon Department approval. On March 31, 2004, however, the Department also issued its order in D.T.E. 03-88A-F. This order approved the Company's settlement in D.T.E. 03-88E, which provided that recovery of certain Default Service-related costs previously in Distribution rates would be transferred to Default Service rates on the first date after March 1, 2005 on which Default Service rates changes for all classes of customers. Accordingly, the Company is refiling its Default Service rates to comply with this settlement, and respectfully requests a waiver of the thirty day notice requirement.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amy G. Rabinowitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Rabinowitz" clearly distinguishable.

Amy G. Rabinowitz

cc: Service List

ATTACHMENT 1

**Massachusetts Electric Company
Nantucket Electric Company**

Summary of Proposed Default Service Charges Including DTE 03-88E Adjustments for Default Service Cost Recovery
May 2005 - October 2005

		Zonal Default Service Charges					
		Residential	Commercial	NEMA	SEMA	WCMA	
		(R-1, R-2, R-4, E)	(G-1)	Industrial	Industrial	Industrial	Commercial
		(a)	(b)	(G-2, G-3)	(G-2, G-3)	(G-2, G-3)	(Streetlights)
				(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
<u>Section 1: Variable Default Service Charges, ¢/kWh</u>							
(1)	May 2005	6.835	6.833	7.382	7.245	7.308	6.833
(2)	June 2005	7.164	7.150	7.680	7.474	7.622	7.150
(3)	July 2005	7.670	7.778	8.266	8.133	8.229	7.778
(4)	Augusst 2005	7.693	7.795	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.795
(5)	Septembr 2005	6.896	6.851	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.851
(6)	October 2005	6.804	6.721	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.721
<u>Section 2: Fixed Default Service Charge, ¢/kWh</u>							
(7)	May 2005 - October 2005	7.213	7.208				7.208
	May 2005 - July 2005			7.791	7.632	7.735	

- (a) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (a) + 0.070¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)
- (b) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (b) + 0.030¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)
- (c) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (c) + 0.019¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)
- (d) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (d) + 0.019¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)
- (e) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (e) + 0.019¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)
- (f) Attachment 2, Page 1 of the March 23, 2005 Default Service Rate Filing, Column (f) + 0.030¢ per kWh per DTE 03-88E, Exhibit TMB-12, Section 2, Line (3)

ATTACHMENT 2

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

SUPPLEMENT TO TARIFF FOR DEFAULT SERVICE

FOR THE PERIOD MAY 2005 THROUGH OCTOBER 2005

In accordance with the terms of the Tariff for Default Service, the rates for Default Service for customers receiving such service from the Company, are as follows. All rates will be applied as a uniform ¢ per kWh charge, for usage on and after the first day of each calendar month.

	Rate Tariff					
	<u>R-1, R-2</u> <u>R-4, E</u>	<u>G-1</u>	<u>G-2, G-3</u>			<u>S-1, S-2</u> <u>S-3, S-5, S-20</u>
			<u>SEMA</u>	<u>WCMA</u>	<u>NEMA</u>	
Fixed Price Option:	7.213¢	7.208¢	7.632¢	7.735¢	7.791¢	7.208¢
Variable Price Option:						
May 2005	6.835¢	6.833¢	7.245¢	7.308¢	7.382¢	6.833¢
June 2005	7.164¢	7.150¢	7.474¢	7.622¢	7.680¢	7.150¢
July 2005	7.670¢	7.778¢	8.133¢	8.229¢	8.266¢	7.778¢
August 2005	7.693¢	7.795¢	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.795¢
September 2005	6.896¢	6.851¢	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.851¢
October 2005	6.804¢	6.721¢	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.721¢

The Fixed Price Option for Residential and Commercial customer groups (R-1, R-2, R-4, E, G-1, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-20) is effective for the period May 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005. The Fixed Price Option for the Industrial customer group (G-2, G-3) is effective for the period May 1, 2005 through July 31, 2005.

Effective: May 1, 2005